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1. SUMMARY: JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, RECORDED HEALTHY INCREASES IN NOV AFTER THREE MONTHS OF SLUGGISH PERFORMANCE. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INCREASED 2.2 PERCENT FROM PRIOR MONTH AND PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS RECORDED EVEN LARGER 3.5 PERCENT ADVANCE. INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOOS ROSE IN NOV BUT RATIO OF INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS DECLINED. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO MITI PRELIHINARY ESTIMATES, NOV INDEX OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, ROSE 2.2 PERCENT TO END THREE MONTHS OF LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCE AND TOP YEAR'S PREVIOUS HIGH. EXCLUDING SHIPSWN PRODUCTION INDEX ROSE 2.5 PERCENT. BASIC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
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LED NOV PRODUCTION ADVANCE WITH SHARP INCREASES POSTED BY PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (UP 8.2 PERCENT), MINING (UP 7.6 PERCENT), NON-FERROUS METALS (UP 6.7 PERCENT) AND CHEMICALS (UP 4.3 PERCENT). ELECTRICAL MACHINERY PRODUCTION ROSE 3.6 PERCENT ON TOP OF 2.3 PERCENT GAIN IN PREVIOUS MONTH.

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3. PRELIMINARY INDEX TF PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, ROSE 3.5 PERCENT IN NOV AFTER THREE STRAIGHT MONTHS OF DECLINE. EXCLUDING SHIP DELIVERIES, PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED SOMEWHAT SMALLER 3.0 PERCENT INCREASE. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT JUMPED 9.3 PERCENT, ALTHOUGH THIS RISE CAME AFTER SHARP 8.9 PERCENT DROP IN OCT (HOWEVER, INCREASE IN SHIPMENTS OF ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES, WHICH ADVANCED 7.4 PERCENT, WAS MUCH LARGER THAN 3.5 PERCENT DECLINE OF PREVIOUS MONTH. SHIPMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY ROSE 4.2 PERCENT AND SHIPMENTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY ROSE 4.0 PERCENT; BOTH OF THESE INCREASES FOLLOWED STRONG ADVANCES IN OCT.

4. INDEX OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS FOR MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, INCREASED 1.7 PERCENT FROM PRIOR MONTH. RATIO OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORY OF FINISHED GOODSHTO SHIPMENTS DECLINED 1.7 PERCENT. RATIO OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORY TO SHIPMENTS, EXCLUDING SHIP DELIVERIES, DECLINED 1.2 PERCENT IN NOV.

5. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MITI DATA ON NOV INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDICES (S.A., 1970 EQUALS 100). OCT REVISED FIGURES PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED REFTEL.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES 1970-100	OCT REVISED	NOV PRELIMINARY	PERCENT INCREASE
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION:			

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ALL INDUSTRIES	126.2	129.1	2.3
PUBLIC UTILITIES	144.3	149.1	3.3
MINING & MANUFACTURING	125.7	128.5	2.2
MINING	71.1	76.5	7.6
MANUFACTURING	126.2	129.1	2.3
MINING & MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	125.0	128.1	2.5
PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS:			
ALL INDUSTRIES	127.4	131.9	3.5
MINING & MANUFACTURING	126.9	131.3	3.5
MANUFACTURING	127.2	131.6	3.5
MINING & MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	126.6	130.4	3.0
PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS:			

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